



A Note From Mayor Hinshaw

Hello to all Indian Head Park Residents!

With Spring and Summer arriving, many of the Village's construction projects will be starting shortly. We have the 2019 Water Main Replacement Project (*affecting Waubensee, Blackhawk Trail south of Waubensee, East Gate (just off of Blackhawk Trail), Shabbona Lane, Tecumseh east of Shabbona, and Cochise Drive east of Osceola*) and the Road Improvement Project which will be repaving Cherrywood Court, Shawnee Trail, Algonquin Drive, Potawatomie Trail and Sauk Trail. Please find more information about construction in the Village on Page 7 of this Smoke Signals Edition or on our website at www.indianheadpark-il.gov.

With construction, brings up the point of sidewalks. The Village is currently working on a proposed sidewalk, along with roadway improvement, for Acacia Drive that was funded by a federal grant. In addition to Acacia Drive, the Village has also received an Invest in Cook County grant, and is in the midst of doing an engineering study on Wolf Road, with the study to be completed in Summer of 2019. This study will show what our options are for sidewalks and roadway improvements for Wolf Road, and to possibly make Wolf Road a 'Complete Street'. For more information on the Acacia Roadway Project, please see page 5.

Just a friendly reminder that Annual Village Vehicle Stickers for the 2019-2020 year are now on sale. Please purchase your stickers BEFORE July 1, 2019. If you purchase stickers after the due date, sticker prices double. Some other upcoming events to mark your calendars for well as Yoga & Pilates on the Green at the Heritage Center and you can find more information about this on page 2 of this edition, as well the "Movie in the Park" which will be held in Blackhawk Park again this year on Saturday, September 4th, 2019. Also, our Village will be turning 60 this year on August 8th! Coincidentally, our Village Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on this date, so we will be celebrating our 60th Anniversary as a Village at this meeting. Stay Tuned for more information on the celebration details. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer.

Sincerely, *Tom Hinshaw*

* MAYOR HINSHAW'S RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT *

Mayor Hinshaw would like to recognize longtime Indian Head Park and Acacia resident, Amelia Cunningham (*pictured right*). Amelia is 85 years young and is a United States Air Force, Korean War Veteran. Recently, Amelia was honored with flying on an Honor Flight to visit the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C. on April 10th, 2019 and was even interviewed by WGN News! We want to thank Amelia and all of our Indian Head Park Veterans for your service to our country.

To view Amelia Cunningham's interview on WGN please visit <https://wqntv.com/2019/04/09/african-american-korean-war-vet-says-air-force-opened-the-whole-wide-world/>



Yoga & Pilates to Return to Heritage Center this Summer!

The Indian Head Park Heritage Center Committee is excited to announce that not only will “Yoga on the Green” return this year at the Heritage Center, but they are adding “Pilates on the Green” to the repertoire. IHP resident and certified instructor, Jesi Verchota will be teaching the free classes on the Heritage Center lawn at 9:00am on selected dates, weather permitting. Participants are asked to bring their own mat! For more information please follow Optimal Performance on Facebook, or call Village Hall at 708-246-3080.

Yoga on the Green

June 8th

July 13th

August 10th & September 14th

Pilates on the Green

June 29th

August 24th

September 28th

The Easter Bunny at Blackhawk Park!

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Blackhawk Park was a great success again this year, especially with such an amazing turnout of participants and of course, the Easter Bunny himself. This year not only did we have the Easter Egg Hunt, the Easter Bunny and Petting Zoo, but the Village Fun Committee decided to add Pony Rides to the event! The Village would like to thank everyone that made this possible; Mayor Hinshaw, Trustee Wittenberg and Trustee O’Laughlin, as well as residents; Bill King, Denise Christopher, Diane Vasti, Paula O’Malley, Jorgie Hasiakos and Francine Daemicke. Without the support of our residents, none of this would be imaginable! Our appreciation to Walgreen’s for their donations of holiday treats too.



Above: Kids enjoying the 2019 Easter Egg Hunt at Blackhawk Park.

UPCOMING Events

MAY

Monday, May 20th

Kelli Joy O'Laughlin Memorial Golf Outing
10:00am - George Dunne National Golf Course

Monday, May 27th

Memorial Day

Village Hall - CLOSED

JUNE

Saturday, June 8th

Yoga on the Green

9:00am - Heritage Center Lawn

PLEASE NOTE: Yoga on the Green participants will need to bring their own mat. Follow Optimal Movement on Facebook for event details!



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******* 2019 - 2020 VEHICLE STICKERS *******

Stickers on sale May 1st – June 30th! Prices DOUBLE July 1st, 2019

Meghan's Famous Rice Krispie Treats

Recipe submitted by IHP Resident Megan Wilson



INGREDIENTS:

2 sticks salted butter (16 tablespoons)

2-10 oz. bags mini marshmallows

1 jar marshmallow fluff

1 tablespoon vanilla extract

9 cups Rice Krispie Treat cereal

1/2 tsp salt

1. In a large pot, melt the butter over medium-high heat. After the butter melts, it will begin to bubble, foam, and turn golden around the edges. Eventually it will turn a dark golden color and smell nutty -- watch carefully, it will go from golden brown to burn quickly. (You'll see little bits of brown sediment forming; that's okay.) Once the butter is browned, remove the pan from the heat and add the marshmallows, marshmallow fluff, vanilla, and salt.
2. Place the pot over low heat and stir the mixture with a wooden spoon until the marshmallows are completely melted. Remove the pan from the heat and add the cereal. Using a rubber spatula or wooden spoon, stir until evenly combined. Transfer the mixture to a greased 13X9 pan, and with damp fingers, press the mixture gently into an even layer in the prepared baking pan. Let cool at room temperature for at least an hour.


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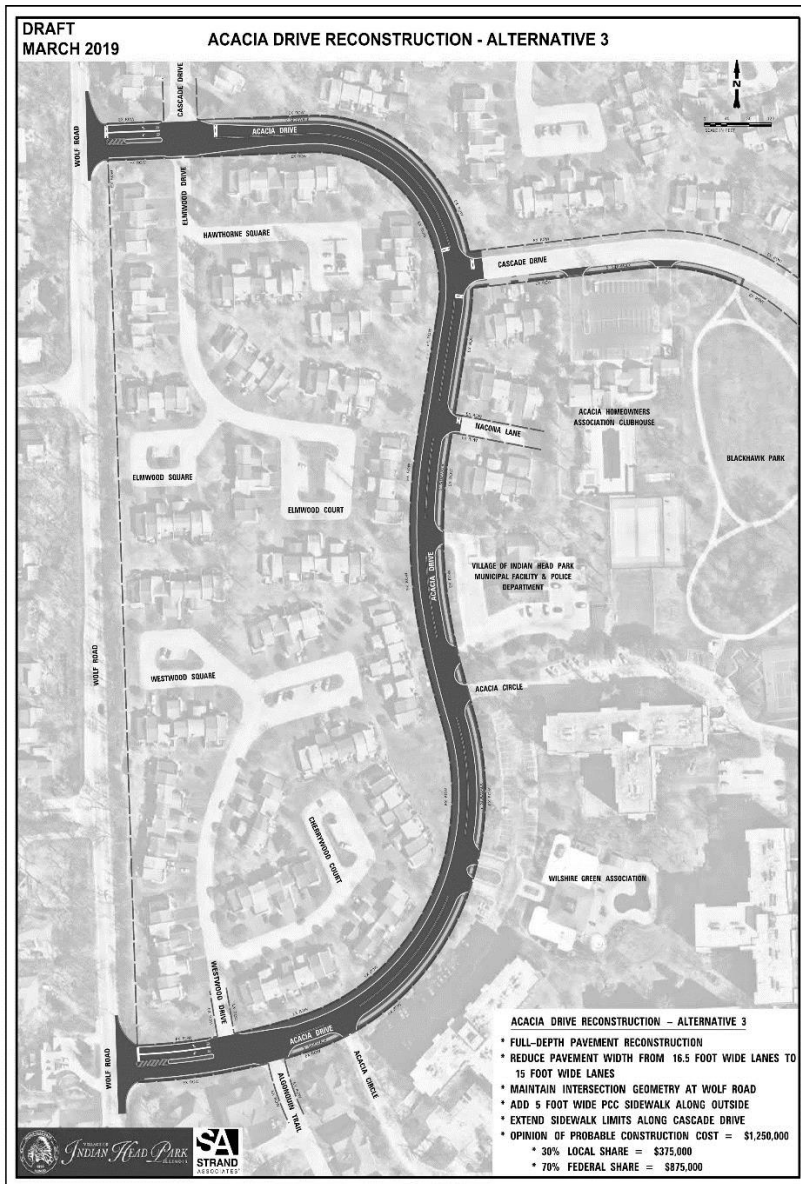
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Proposed Sidewalk for Acacia Drive



At the March Village Board of Trustees meeting Strand and Associates, the Village Engineer, proposed options for a new sidewalk to be implemented onto the east side Acacia Drive. The Village Board would like to hear all residents thoughts on the selected "Alternative 3", (seen at left). There is an Acacia Roadway Project Construction Comment sheet available at Village Hall and on the website at www.indianheadpark-il.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1072/Acacia-Drive-Roadway-Reconstruction-Comment-Sheet. A Community Information Open House was held on Tuesday May 7, 2019 at Village Hall from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. This public meeting provided an overview of the Acacia Drive Roadway Reconstruction Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Phase I Study, and the preferred Alternative 3. Residents are asked to fill out the form and return this to Village Hall no later than May 21, 2019. You can also transmit your comments by email to the Tony.Spinelli@Strand.com. For more information please feel free to contact Village Hall at 708-246-3080 or email Linda at lmerrifield@indianheadpark-il.gov

Free Blood Pressure Screenings at Pleasantview Fire District!

The Pleasantview Fire Protection District's firefighters at the PFPD fire station are always willing to check your blood pressure. Known as the silent killer, High Blood Pressure, or HBP, has NO symptoms. The only way to find out if have it, is to have your blood pressure tested. After the firefighters have taken your blood pressure, they will give you a card so you can easily continue to track your blood pressure. About 72 million Americans suffer from high blood pressure and that works out to be about 1 in 3. HBP can be easily managed with a change in lifestyle and in many cases, medications. For more information on HBP please visit the American Heart Association website at www.heart.org, and to get your blood pressure checked at Pleasantview Fire Protection District, please call 708-352-9229 during regular business hours from Monday through Friday, 8am – 4:30pm.



Municipal Adjudication Moves to Village Hall

Starting May 1, 2019 the Village of Indian Head Park is doing something a little bit different in how it treats minor violations of our code of ordinances. We are going to handle these matters locally through what is known as municipal adjudication. It is our goal that this will streamline and make ordinance enforcement more effective and less costly to our residents.

When a local violation occurs such as abandoned vehicles, out of control weeds, or underage smoking, rather than writing a citation and having the person appear at the Cook County Circuit Court in Bridgeview we will have the case addressed at Village Hall.

The Village's Administrative Adjudication, or hearing, process is a quasi-judicial tribunal for the expedient, independent and impartial adjudication of municipal ordinance violations that were previously heard only in the Cook County Circuit Court. Earlier this year, the Village Board adopted, after several months of discussion, an ordinance that amended the Indian Head Park Municipal Code, which established the office of Administrative Adjudication.



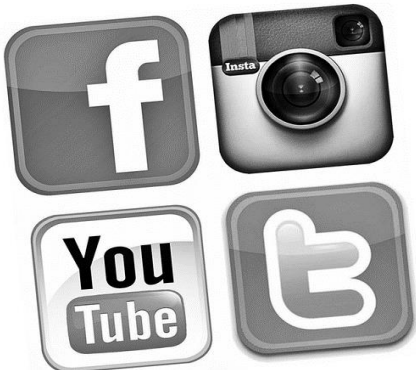
The Administrative Hearing process is independent from Village departments that investigate, initiate and prosecute Code violations. It hears, or may hear in the future, cases involving Building Code and Fire Code violations, unlicensed businesses, health and sanitation concerns, parking tickets, animal related violations and other matters involving quality of life in the Village of Indian Head Park.

An Administrative Hearing is not as complex as a judicial court proceeding and is more time and cost effective for both parties. The process expedites prosecutions, reduces expenses and allows the Circuit Court to focus on the most serious offenses. While the strict and often complex rules of evidence and procedure are not applicable, hearings still follow a basic structure to ensure fairness and due process of law.

Under the Administrative Hearing system, a Judge presides over cases. The Judge is not a Village employee, but rather an impartial, licensed Illinois attorney, who must meet strict state requirements to serve in this capacity

Stay Connected & Follow The Village on Social Media!

Our Village Board, along with Mayor Hinshaw want to keep residents up-to-date as quickly as possible, while being as transparent as possible. One way of making this happen is that the Village updated our website, and incorporated social media platforms such as; Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. We encourage all residents to follow on all or any of the applications available! Monthly Board Meetings are streamed live on Facebook, and Comcast Channel 6!



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Website: www.indianheadpark-il.gov

Water Main Replacement Program 2019

They say that in Chicagoland that there are two seasons-winter and construction. Well winter has ended and we are headed into construction.

The Village is embarking on an aggressive water main replacement program. This summer the Village will be replacing water main and road pavement on Waubaunsee, Blackhawk Trail south of Waubaunsee, East Gate, Shabbona Lane, Tecumseh east of Shabbona, and Cochise Drive east of Osceola. This area is targeted first as it is the area where we experience the most water main breaks in our system.

Starting in late May/early June construction will commence, although we do not know the construction schedule yet, we want to let you know that it is coming. Half of the road in each area will be worked on during construction. After the water main is installed, the Village will repave the entire road so that we have some consistency in how the road looks. This is all part of our long range capital plan. All of this is made possible with a low interest loan from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Your Village Board has made communications with all residents, especially residents in the construction zone, a priority, so this is what we are going to do:

1. We will hold bi-weekly construction meetings to that we can do targeted updates to you as to what is happening on your specific street. This is especially important because when we are switching your water service from the old water main to the new one, you might be without water for a couple of hours.
2. We will hold at least one mid-project meeting with you at the Village Hall so that you may voice your thoughts on the construction project and its process.
3. You always have access to us through the Village's website to ask specific questions and get answers to those questions.
4. We will have a post project review with you, probably in mid-November to see how we did. We will want to hear about the good, the bad, and the ugly.



Tentative Schedule for 2019 Water Main Replacement Project

- Start of Construction (Main Installation) – Late May 2019
- Bi-Weekly Construction Meetings – Ongoing Throughout Project
- Road Construction - September 2019
- End of Construction – October 2019
- Project Review with Community – November 2019

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In addition to the above but on the same schedule, we will be repaving Cherrywood Court, Shawnee Trail, Algonquin Drive, Potawatomie Trail, and Sauk Trail.

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HOW TO SAVE WATER IN YOUR GARDEN

Spring is here and that means it is time to start thinking about your gardens....and watering them. The good news is saving water in your landscape does not have to be painstaking or time consuming! Many of the most effective ways you can do to reduce your water bills and protect water supply are simple and easy. Here are some tips to help you in water saving for your garden!

1. **Install an automatic-rain-shutoff device.** This is an inexpensive device you can install on your irrigation system controller that tells it to shut off when a specified amount of rain has fallen. It protects your lawn (and your water bill) from accidental overwatering. An automatic rain shutoff typically costs under \$200 to install, including labor. In many parts of the country, it can save enough water to pay for itself within the first season.
2. **Eliminate leaks.** According to the EPA, a single 1/32" diameter leak on a hose, emitter or outdoor faucet can waste more than 6,000 gallons of water in a year. Imagine the cost if you have multiple leaks! Outdoor leaks are especially prone to waste because they often aren't noticed. If you hire a competent landscape company to maintain your lawn, you won't have to worry because they will check for leaks at each visit. However, if you do your own maintenance, be sure to put leak inspection on your weekly list.
3. **Install a rain barrel.** It's good for plants because it's free of many of the salts and chemicals that are present in most groundwater or city-water sources. Many municipalities are now offering incentives to homeowners who install these inexpensive water-saving devices. A landscape-irrigation expert can help you decide how best to integrate your rainwater with your existing irrigation system.
4. **Choose drought-tolerant plants.** Careful plant selection can make a huge difference in your water use. Many plants, such as white fir, yarrow, yucca, and sage are naturally adapted to thrive in low water conditions. Check with your local landscape professional for advice as to which species will do well in your area and on your specific property.
5. **A thick layer of mulch** helps keep the root zone cool and moisture in the soil. Organic mulches such as wood chips and shredded bark will also contribute organic matter to the soil over time. Some mulches are more appropriate than others for certain applications, so choose carefully.
6. **Water the soil, not the leaves.** Water at the root zone to keep evaporation to a minimum. Keeping water off your plants' leaves will also help control fungal diseases and prevent sunscald. A professionally-designed irrigation system – drip or otherwise – is far better at proper water delivery than the simple lawn sprinklers you can buy in the hardware store. It is an investment that will pay for itself over time in reduced water bills and healthier plants.
7. **Mow high.** Keeping your grass at the upper recommended limit (about 2 inches for most species) will help shade the soil and prevent excessive evaporation.
8. **Don't overwater.** It sounds simplistic, but more water is wasted through overwatering than for any other reason. Watering too much doesn't just waste a precious resource. It is also very bad for your plants. Too much water in the soil stresses your plants' root systems and contributes to root rot and fungal and bacterial disease. Consult your landscape professional for help in designing a watering system and/or schedule to deliver the correct amount of water for your landscape.



These are just a few suggestions you can implement to keep your outdoor water use to a minimum while enjoying a beautifully healthy lawn and landscape. Try a few this year, and see how much water you can save!

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

June 13th, 2019

July 11th, 2019

August 8th, 2019

September 12th, 2019

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